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SUBJECT: ERITREAN AND EDU VICTORIS REPORTED IN SUDAN PRESS

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS CONTINUED FIGHTING BETWEEN ERITREAN AND ETHIOPIAN GOVT FORCES NEAR ASMARA AND, FOR FORT TIME SINCE FALL OF HUMERA TO EPMG, ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION VICTORIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN ERITREANS AND 10,000-MAN ETHIOPIAN MILITIA IS UNDER WAY AS LATTER ATTEMPT RECAPTURE CIFINTI AND DGEMHARI NEAR ASMARA. ERITREANS REPORTEDLY HAVE INFILCTED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND HAVE CAPTURED LARGE QUANTITIES MILITARY EQUIPMENT. NEWS REPORTS PUBLISHED HERE AUG 9 INDICATE FIGHTING WAS CONTINUING AS OF LAST SATURDAY.

2. SUNA REPORTS AUG 11 THAT EDU RECENTLY CAPTURED ANDASELASI
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ON ASMARA-GONDAR ROAD. ACCORDING THIS REPORT, ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAD BEEN BESEIGED FOR A MONTH, SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN MEN AND EQUIPMENT, AND FOLLOWING FALL OF TOWWN ETHIOPIAN GOVT TROOPS JOINED EDU. SUNA ALSO REPORTS THAT EDU TOOK SELKLIKA NEAR AKSUM WHERE 120 ETHIOPIAN SOLDIERS KILLED. FINALLY, BATTLE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY AT GENDAWA, 50 KM FROM SUDANESE BORDER.

3. COMMENT: LATEST REPORTS IF TRUE, TOGETHER WITH THOSE CONTAINED
REFTEL INDICATE ERITREANS CONTINUE TO TAKE INITIATIVE, ALTHOUGH IT
APPARENT EPMG ATTEMPTING COUNTER ATTACKS AGAINST SELECTED
TARGETS. NEWS OF EDU VICTORIES SUGGESTS THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN
SEVERAL WEEKS EDU HAS AGAIN MOVED AGAINST GOVT. FORCES.
ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS USUALLY DOES NOT REPORT ERITREAN OR EDU
LOSSES, IT HAS RELIABLY REPORTED IN PAST ON THEIR VICTORIES.
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